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At a special meeting of the Astoria Library Association, a vote of thanks was tendered all those who assisted in the cantata "Queen Esther" and contributed to its great success.

City Surveyor Tee has prepared a new grade map, showing the grades of all the streets of the city which have been laid out by the council. The map gives the grades both ways and will prove of great value to members of the council and property owners.

Favorable recommendation was made of the meat inspection ordinance by the health and police committee of the Portland council. The only difficulty in the way of the ordinance was found to be in the fact that there was a lack of funds on hand with which to pay

the extra official that would be required to enforce it. This objection was finally met with a proposition to charge a fee for the inspection from the dealers.

Professor J. D. Robb, recently superintendent of the reform school, is now at the Patton Home, in Albina, suffering from paralysis. He is physically helpless, but his mind is as bright as ever. There is no hope for his recovery.

Roosevelt or Hanna—it all depends on the people. If it is left to the west the president will get the unanimous vote. However, it is the unanimous opinion of good judges that the fine line of hair brushes for sale at from 25 cents to \$3.50 at Hart's drug store is the best ever brought to the city.

The forthcoming directory of Astoria and Clatsop county will be the largest and most complete work of the kind ever gotten out in this city. The very material increase in the population during the past few years will add many pages to the book, as will also

a large amount of statistical and historical information which will add greatly to its value. The directory will be issued by The Astorian Publishing Company.

Our annual sale usually runs 20 business days, but this being leap year we are giving two extra days. Sale closes February 6.

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Probate Judge Treuchard yesterday issued a citation for the appearance, February 10, of the interested parties in the petition of Charles Wilson and J. W. Takkunen, asking that the last-named be appointed guardian of Greta Karvonen, an insane person, and H. Jalmer Karvonen, a minor.

North St. Johns now offers the cheapest and most desirable acreage adjacent to Portland. The Little Guarantee & Trust Company has recently subdivided into acreage a beautiful tract of land immediately north of St. Johns. Although most of the tract has been sold, several very desirable pieces yet remain. The price is within reach of all. It is a fact that nowhere in the vicinity of Portland is there a more promising outlook for suburban property than St. Johns.

Charles Belmont, the man who threatened to kill Jerry Slavich, a restaurant man, when the latter informed the former that his meal would cost him 35 cents, was up before Justice Goodman yesterday for preliminary hearing. The facts adduced at the trial warranted the court in holding Belmont, and he was bound over to await investigation at the office of the district attorney in \$250 bonds. In default of bail he was committed to the county jail.

At the meeting of the council Monday night the street committee will probably present a report recommending the improvement of a large number of streets. This report will be in accordance with the recommendation of Mayor Suprenant for winter legislation and summer improvement. The necessary resolutions and ordinances are to be adopted and passed before spring, so that there may be no delay in making the improvements during fine weather. The public property committee will present a report on the dumping ground proposition, recommending use of the foot of Third street.

Aspecial to The Astorian from Portland last night stated that the Astoria Commercial Club lost in the bowling contest with Portland Commercial. The contest was close. The defeat of the visiting team was due to centers in the first and third games. Following are the scores by games: Portland—239, 227, 265, 269; total, 1000. Astoria—217, 246, 254, 233; total, 950. The players and their scores follow: Portland—Graham, 170; Mays, 138; Wheeler, 182; Howard, 161; Kitting-sworth, 185; Eckenberger, 164. Astoria—Pye, 185; Peterson, 147; Hard-esty, 140; Bay, 147; Laws, 168; Sovey 163.

During Miss Clara Mather's engagement at Fishers' next week she will present Tolstol's great masterpiece, "Resurrection." The version used by Miss Mather is the same being used by Blanch Walsh in the east. Another of the popular plays to be presented here is Mark Levens' "A Silver Dagger." The engagement of the company will open Tuesday night in a scenic production of "Only a Soldier Boy." This is one of the most popular and pleasing plays on the bill. Seven distinct vaudeville features are introduced between acts at each performance. Prices are to be 20 and 30 cents. Seat sale opens tomorrow morning at Griffin's book store at 9 o'clock.

The following notice, signed by Frank C. Baker, chairman, and Harrison Allen, secretary, of the republican state central committee, has been received at this office: "Portland, Jan. 29.—The republican state central committee is hereby called to meet in the city of Portland on Friday, February 12 (Abraham Lincoln's birthday), in room 12, Hamilton building, at 10:30 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of selecting the time and place for holding the next state convention, apportioning delegates to said convention, recommending the date for holding primaries and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the committee."

There was a gay scene enacted at Playel's dock last evening as the steamer Lurline drew out. Among the passengers were Director Martin E. Robinson and his able assistant, Mr. Hoyt. The members of the local cast of the sacred opera were on hand to bid the gentlemen good by and good luck. A number of the airs of "Queen Esther" were sung by the crowd on the dock, which were directed by Mr. Robinson from the deck of the steamer, his baton

an umbrella. He expressed the wish to return in the near future, and said that he regretted his inability to take all the singers along with him. The gentlemen go from here to Oregon City where rehearsals will at once commence for the production of the cantata.

Among those who will be initiated in the lodge of Eagles at today's session, will be Mayor Suprenant. There will be other initiations and altogether the birds expect to spend a joyous time together. The aeris is growing rapidly in numerical strength, and is now accounted as one of the really strong fraternal organizations of the city. Recently it was announced that a hand some watch charm would be presented to the member who, in a specified time, would bring into the lodge the largest number of new members. It was learned yesterday that Frank Vandier has been most successful in this work and so will be awarded the prize. No time has been set for the presentation, but it will doubtless be made an occasion of special rejoicing.

The ladies of the Public Library Association are much elated at the happy result of their efforts to create a fund for the institution by the two productions of the sacred opera. The committee now has on hand \$155, which may be reduced to \$150 when all outstanding bills are paid, of which there is now only one remaining. The fund is even larger than the ladies had hoped for. The money was needed by the association, and although a lot of hard work attended the management of the undertaking, the gratification felt at the outcome causes the ordeal part of it to be forgotten. The members of the committee that managed the affair worked hard, and the association is loud in praise of their efforts that brought about such pronounced success.

Dispatches last night relate that news reached Walla Walla yesterday of the first stock shooting of 1904, which recently took place in "Sand Hollow" the sage brush district in northern Morrow county, some distance south of Umatilla. There 30 head of cattle were found lying on the range, all pierced by rifle balls. Settlers of northern Morrow county, angry because the animals had broken down their fences, and trampled over their fall sown wheat, are supposed to have done the shooting. No arrests have been made. The episode has been concealed some little time to give an opportunity to hunt out the perpetrators. The cattle belonged to Ben Swaggart, a prominent eastern Oregon stockman, who was running quite a bunch of stock in the sand district south of the Columbia, in Morrow county.

That Mexico is a land of undeveloped wealth and opportunity. Han J. H. Smith, who has just returned from the southern republic, is positive. He said last evening that while he did not intend to move there immediately, the country is none the less a beautiful one and well worth settling in. The object of the trip of the Smith party south has already been written up in The Astorian, and Mr. Smith, like Mr. Sweeney, who was the first to return, is in no way disappointed with the results attained, although it was not deemed advisable at this time to make any investments. Mr. Smith took opportunity of his visit to Mexico to acquaint himself with the history of the country, and has at hand valuable data relating to the explorations and conquests of the early Spaniards. He traveled a large part of the time while away on mules, and during all the time spent in Mexico did not pass through a single rain shower, the season having been unusually dry, even for Mexico.

Dr. B. H. Earle, quarantine officer for this port, has ascertained that glass jars are the best places for gold fish. Recently a large number of gold fish were brought over on the oriental liner Indrasamha and Dr. Earle was presented with several dozens of the pretty little fish. In an experimental way he caused about three dozens to be placed in a lake just back of the Columbia river quarantine station. Yesterday Dr. Earle received word from the station that his gold fish had begun coming to the surface, with their bellies ripped open. The lake contains a number of native trout, which fiercely attacked the little strangers and killed them. The trout were not of sufficient size to devour the gold fish, but they apparently had no difficulty in wounding them to death. When placed in the lake the gold fish spent most of their time jumping out of the water, and Dr. Earle was at a loss to account for their action. However, they were doubtless immediately attacked by the trout and sought to escape by leaping. There was little hope for the gold fish, for watchful kingfishers were perched conveniently near to swoop down upon them as they jumped out of the water.

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